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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/696,463

Applicants: Ming-Tien LIN Filing Date: October 30, 2003

For: LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY

Group Art Unit: 2871

Examiner: George Y. Wang

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

## **Restriction Response**

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Respectfully submitted,

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## **RESTRICTION RESPONSE**

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SIR:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 8, 2005, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, Claims 1-7 without traverse. Applicant submits that the subject matter defined by Claim 1 is generic.

Applicants traverse the outstanding election requirement on the grounds that it has not been established that it be an undue burden to examine each of the noted inventions and claims together.

Under M.P.E.P. § 803, a election is not proper if a search and examination can be made without a serious burden on the Examiner, and the outstanding election requirement has not established that examining each of the currently-pending claims together would result in an undue burden.

## M.P.E.P. § 803 specifically states:

If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions. Application No. 10/696,463 Reply to Office Action of March 8, 2005

The outstanding election requirement has not established that each of the claims could be examined without an undue burden, and thus each of the noted inventions and claims should be examined on their merits.

An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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